by the Chief Steward. Protesting against this, the Indian Airlines employees kept away from attending to the ground arrangements for the aircraft. The matter was resolved after the Chief Steward gave a written apology and also the Commander of the aircraft assuring that the Chief Steward would be subjected to a departmental enquiry.

Facilities installed at Cochin Shipyard

3434. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the layout and facilities installed at Cochin Shipyard are based on the technical consultancy of M/s. M.H.I. Japan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the technology and design for shipbuilding are sought from the United Kingdom; and

(c) if so, whether in view of this any problems are being faced in the construction of ships at the yard and what is the present turnover at the Cochin Shipyard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Design and Technology were obtained from M/s. Scottlithgow Ltd., U.K. and used for the first five ships, the last of which is presently under construction. However, for the present series of tankers, Japanese design and production consultancy have been obtained.

(c) No problem is faced by the Shipyard in the construction of ships of U.K. design or Japanese design. The turnover of the yard for the year 1986-87 was Rs. 29.93 crores.

Delay in delivery of baggage at Indira Gandhi International Airport

3435. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the incoming passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airport have to spend a great deal of time to collect their baggage;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this is because of the inordinately long time taken by the loaders and the slow pace of drivers to carry the baggage to the baggage lifting counters; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to see that tourists and passengers are not put to any such harassment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) On occasions, the incoming passengers at I.G.I. Airport, Terminal II have to spend some time to collect their baggage.

(b) No, Sir. The delay is caused by 100 percent X-ray scanning of baggage on International flights and the high quantum of baggage carried by passengers on flights from South East Asia and Gulf regions.

(c) Additional conveyor belts are being provided in all X-Ray Scanning Cabins to expedite clearance of baggage.

Cultural Exchange Programme with Hungary

3436. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a cultural exchange programme has recently been signed with Hungary; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) A Cultural Exchange Programme valid for the years 1988, 1989 and 1990, has been signed between India and Hungary on 4-11-1987. The Programme envisages interaction in the fields of science and education, art and culture, radio and television, films, sports and youth. It *inter-alia* provides for continuation of common research developed in the field of

social and natural sciences as well as launching of new programmes of mutual interest; partcipation of scholars in international conferences held in each other's exchange of scholars for study-cum-lectures; placement of a teacher of Hungarian language and literature at the Delhi University and a Hindi language teacher to Hungary. It covers exchanges of publications and books; completion and publication of a Hindi-Hungarian and Hungarian-Hindi conversational guides; interaction in the field of statistics, economics, sociology and demography. It includes offer of scholarships by the two sides; exchange of art exhibitions; exchange of archivists; and reading materials. An important clause covers observance of Nehru Centenary in Hungary; exchange of eminent artists, writers, specialists in the fields of music, film, theatre, dance and fine arts. Under this Programme one Film Week in each other's country would also be organised.

Transport business by foreign companies in India

3437. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of International Agencies including Awis and Haters have set up their Transport Business in India by giving their Cars on hire basis to Big Companies situated in 15 big cities of India;

(b) if so, the names of such International Agencies;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these companies have been planning to expand their business in 25 more big cities of India; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to stop such business by foreign International Agencies and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) With a view to augment and improve the road transport infrastructure the Government has approved the collaboration arrangements of three Indian Companies with three foreign Rent-A-Car Companies namely Hertz International Ltd., USA, Budget Rent-A-Car Inc. USA and Europcar International, France to provide car rental facilities in India on the basis of similar type of rental services provided by them in other countries.

The Rent-A-Car Scheme is yet to become operative.

Budget surplus of the Indian Council of Historical Research

3438. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the budget surplus of the Indian Council of Historical Research for the year 1986-87 and how this amount has been spent;

(b) what is the number of plain-paper copiers, electronic typewriters, air-conditioners and other items purchased and the amount spent on each item;

(c) whether many back-dated cheques were issued by the ICHR during the last two months of the financial year 1986-87; and

(d) if so, what is the total amount of the back-dated cheques so issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) During the year 1986-87, the Council had an unspent balance of about Rs. 8.99 lakhs under Plan which was permitted to be carried forward to the year 1987-88 by the Government.

(b) According to the information furnished by the ICHR, the following items of office equipment were purchased during 1986-87.